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AUTO-TRAIN CRASH KILLS WIDOW

Residents Hit Shopping Zone

A proposal to make a commercial zone, with neighborhood shops, along the west side of Crenshaw Blvd., between 182nd and 175th St., came under fire from nearby residents at the Torrance Planning Commission meeting Wednesday night.

The Grand Construction Co. had proposed that lots 1 to 10 in Tract 19626 be rezoned from residential to commercial.

Allen Skale, of 2622 W. 179th, representing the Crenshaw Terrace Homeowners' Assn., presented six petitions containing 68 signatures, objecting to the proposed development. The objectors all live on the east side of Crenshaw, since the proposed development adjoins a housing development which is just being completed.

Residents Oppose

Allen Skale, of 17720 Crenshaw Blvd., and Pearl Chandler, of 17708 Crenshaw Blvd., also spoke against the development. Jack Spahn, of Barulay Engineering Co., declared that a shopping development was needed in the area.

Planners urged Grand officials to meet with the objecting homeowners to see if some agreement could be reached.

In another controversial case, the planners voted to recommend an Edison Co. substation at Sepulveda Blvd. and Madonna Ave., if a letter is received from the Edison Co. by July 15, agreeing to put an eight-foot masonry wall around

3 Tracts, 101 Homes Get OK From Planners

Tract activity was moderate in the Torrance Planning Commission this week, as only three tracts with 101 homes were recommended for approval.

Biggest of the trio was the application of Novo Homes, Inc. for 57 lots in tract 19308, located between Plaza del Amo and Lincoln Ave., east of Border Ave. A letter from Dan E. Butcher, president, indicated the firm would either remove the existing oil wells or fence them completely.

Dudley Grey, secretary of the firm, said 26 of the lots would be placed on caissons, since they are on filled ground. The vote was 8-0, with John Mulvihill abstaining.

Application Approved

The application of the Grand Construction Co. for 19 lots in Tract 21835, southwest of 166th and Arlington Ave., was recommended, provided an additional bond for the cost of moving the sewer in the future and a notarized letter agreeing to move the sewer to 166th St., are provided.

If the County Flood Control Commission agrees that drainage is all right, the Commission voted to recommend plans for Tract 19517, southwest of 226th and Ocean Ave., for approval. Containing 25 lots, the tract was presented by James H. Mulligan.

Also approved was vacation of part of Palos Verdes Blvd. in Tract 10300, with the gas line to be removed at no cost to the city.

Vacation Studied

Another vacation proposal, that of an exchange of part of the present Reese Rd. for parts of lots 13 to 16, Tract 15569, were referred back to the Engineering Department for further study.

Held over for further study was Tract 18380, southwest of Arlington Ave. and the Dominguez Channel. Containing 42 lots, it was presented by the Mang Holding Co. Sixteen lots in Tract 19835, west of Arlington Ave. and 225 feet north of 174th St., were sent to committee for study. The tract was presented by the Property Management Co.

A committee also will study Tract 22022, a re-subdivision of part of the Tract 15569 in the Seaside area, containing 12 lots, presented by Lynne Gardens.

the building on the north, south and west sides, planted with shrubs.

F. H. Elliott, of 3402 W. 224th St., presented a petition with 31 signatures, objecting to the substation. The station, he said, would cause property depreciation, would be a nuisance and hazard to children, and would weaken zoning restrictions.

Pleasure Diminished

The pleasure that nearby residents take in their homes would be considerably reduced if the station were erected, David K. Brady, of 3418 W. 224th St., told the Commission. Lou Jenkins, Edison Co. manager, said that the 16 by 24 building would in no way be a hazard nor would it interfere with radio or TV reception in the area. It is needed, he said, to reduce current from 16,000 to 4,000 volts for use in the area. There would be no employees, and no trucks, he declared.

After long discussions, the planners approved rezoning of the southeast corner of 174th and Arlington Ave. from residential to commercial, except the back half of the property of Herman O. Barton, of 2008 W. 174th St., which was recommended for manufacturing zoning.

The territory includes land 280 feet south of 174th St. to a point 627 feet east of Arlington Ave., and is owned by M. E. Weeks, L. M. Weeks, D. H. Smith, James A. Warren and N. B. Kallman.

No Bars, Dance Halls

The zoning change was made, providing the land is not used for bars or dance halls for a period of 10 years. E. J. Wallin Jr., of 17316 Arlington Ave., said this was the main objection to the plan, which would be owned by the owners.

A change in title for the rezoning was suggested by the planners. Under the suggested plan, he would be called Secretary to the Planning Commission, Planning Director, and Land Use Director.

The application of Peggy Swick, of 2550 W. 182nd St., for a change of zone to commercial on her property was denied, recommended for denial by the planners, because the property is located in a residential zone.

Also recommended for rejection was the application of William H. Tolson and Associates for a real estate sign on a post at 22632 Ellinwood Dr., with Beverly Smith abstaining.

Studio OK'd

By an 8 to 1 vote, the Commission recommended that Thelma Ledwidge be allowed to open an office for dramatic lessons at 5124 MacAfee Rd. Commissioner William A. Mason dissented.

Leslie E. French's application for division of property along 238th St. into two lots, with an 18-foot easement to the city for widening of the street, was recommended by an 8 to 1 vote, with Commissioner John Mulvihill voting no.

Division of lot 13, tract 397, into two lots, as proposed by Mrs. Odeal Delgelesch, was sent to committee.

Parking Re-Denied

Dr. Chesley R. Houska's application for a variance to rearrange parking facilities and construct a building to house X-ray facilities at 2516-1820 Torrance Blvd., was again recommended for rejection, after the City Council had asked for further study. The vote was 7-0, with Commissioners Burt Lynn and Thirvin Fleetwood abstaining.

All requests for waivers were postponed until an ordinance on the subject is prepared or until the legality of such action is clear.

Accident Injuries Man, 23

Death cut short the vacation plans of a 22-year-old San Pedro divorcee, killed Thursday when the car in which she was riding collided with a freight train on Figueroa St. near Sepulveda Blvd.

Mrs. Mia Vera Morgan, 23, of San Pedro, was thrown from the car after it was struck by the engine of a west-bound freight train. Her companion, Milton Raymond Moyer, 23, also of San Pedro, was treated for serious injuries at Harbor General Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

According to Moyer, the pair were vacation-bound, enroute to pick up his aunt in Azusa. They were going to visit his mother in the Imperial Valley. The car was filled with luggage, sports equipment, food, and champagne.

Frank A. Norwood, engineer, said the train was traveling about 15 miles per hour when the car swung onto the tracks. The car spun about several times by the impact of the crash.

Mrs. Morgan is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan, of San Pedro. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at McNeerney's Chapel in San Pedro. Burial will be in Green Hills.

H. C. Woman Injured in 3-Car Crash

Seriously injured in a three-car collision at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Eshelman Friday evening was Margereta V. Shanahan, 26, of 1522 W. Lomita Blvd., Harbor City.

She was injured when an auto driven by Marvin White, of Chicago, slammed into the rear of her auto as she was at the busy intersection. The impact jolted her auto into one driven by George G. Lewis, 29, of Beverly Hills. Lewis was stopped at the signal.

The injured woman was taken to San Pedro Community hospital with back and neck injuries, according to officers of the California Highway Patrol who investigated the crash.

Youth Hurt When Auto Leaves Road

An 18-year-old Bellflower youth received a shattered thigh and multiple lacerations about the face last week end when his car tumbled down a steep bank off Palos Verdes Drive East, south of Harbor Hills.

Taken to Hillside Clinics was Douglas D. Dingwell, apparently the sole occupant of the auto, which received considerable damage.

Mrs. Jack Price, of 1732 Andree Ave. and her granddaughter, Goni, are spending several weeks vacationing in and around Denver, Colo., according to a note to the HERALD this week from Mrs. Price.

Are you going somewhere for a vacation? Drop a postcard to the HERALD with a greeting to your friends at home and the editors will be happy to include your message in a special column of this newspaper. Just send your card to: Editor, Torrance Herald, Torrance, Calif.



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Civic Center Bids Will Be Opened Tuesday

Bids will be opened tomorrow at the 8 p.m. meeting of the City Council on work at the planned new Civic Center on Torrance Blvd.

Bidding in connection with the center is under the following headings:

- 1) City Hall and Police Station;
- 2) Mill work for City Hall and Police Station;
- 3) Bathhouse and swimming pool;
- 4) Recreation parks and buildings.

The Council will also open bids on \$950,000 in bonds for municipal improvement.

Also opened will be sealed bids on construction of concrete curbs, gutters, aprons and sidewalks at Del Amo Improvement District, and construction of sanitary sewer system at the 239th St. Sewer District.

Ordinances imposing a one-cent use tax, and increasing the sales tax from a half to one-cent on the dollar, will be on the agenda on second reading for possible final approval.

Western Rodeo Due Saturday

Wild West rodeo returns to Torrance! Next Saturday and Sunday, at 2 p.m., on the rodeo grounds of the Community Fair at Western Ave. and 220th St., pageants around the arena will inaugurate two hour shows, rough riding and cowboy know-how demonstrated by some of the top talent in the West.

Members of the famous Rodeo Cowboy Association, professional rodeo performers, will present an exciting spectacle in six events, including bull riding, bulldozing, calving, team roping, saddle bronc riding, and bareback riding.

Spectacular Parade

The Saturday show will get off in elegant style with outstanding riders of the Southland circling on prancing steeds. These will include silver mounted riders, including the renowned Speech Trio, whose sparkling regalia includes thousands of dollars worth of saddles and equipment in silver.

On Sunday the Grand Entry will be by the participants.

Famous Director

Andy Jauregui, noted arena director and stock owner, will be in charge of the program, carrying the show along with

Five-Day Fair Ready to Open

Torrance Community Fair and Rodeo—evoking memories of the Old West—is near readiness for the opening Wednesday of a five-day show expected to tempt many thousands of families from Torrance and environs to the Fair grounds.

It will offer hours of fun and relaxation for all members of the family, with a variety of entertainment features drawing upon the finest of professional talent in the world of television and professional rodeo performers.

The rodeo, opening at 2 p.m. Saturday, will also be held Sunday on the final day of the colorful Western event.

Location of Fair and Rodeo will be Western Ave and 220th Street.

Gold Gulch Village, a reproduction of a gold mining town of the '49er days, will be featured on the midway, lending it an attractive, authentic atmosphere.

Fair officials have given warning that they are not responsible for any damage that may come to horses or biggies hitched on the midway, podner!

Will Select Booth Organizations sponsoring beauty queens will operate concessions in the Village, with the group having the winning beauty given the choice of concessions. "Yes, you'll find gold in them that booths," promised an enthusiastic Fair booster.

An important part of the affair will be an exhibit of automobiles, showing the latest in gas powered pulchritude.

Show Cowboy Spirit

Service club members will pitch in, joining in the spirit of the occasion, some wearing boots and other items of cowboy regalia.

Gates will open for the Fair at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and at noon on Saturday and Sunday. Fifty "Gold Rush Awards" will be given away nightly, courtesy of local merchants.

The lucky lady who becomes Fair Queen after final tabulation of votes, will be crowned at 9 p.m. Wednesday by Jack Owens, KABC-TV star, and her entire court will appear.

Honor Resident

"Rosemary DeCamp Night," Thursday, will pay tribute to the Torrance resident who stars on "The Bob Cummings Show." Present will be her husband, Judge John Shlider, and Mayor Albert Isen. A variety

entertainment show will spice the program.

On Saturday, activities will begin with a kiddie matinee, when 1000 free ride tickets will be given to the first children in line.

Residents to Perform

Also included on the program will be a talent show of Torrance residents, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, followed by a second rodeo matinee at 2.

The event will conclude at 10 p.m. Sunday, after many other interesting events have been on stage, with two persons being selected for a trip to Hawaii.

Admission is 25 cents—or your yellow Queen Contest Button. Children are to be admitted free.

Sponsoring organizations are the Elks, Civitan, Exchange, Firemen and Fireladies, Jay-Cettes, Lions, Moose Lodge and Women of the Moose, North Torrance Civic and Improvement Assn., and Optimist Club of Torrance.

Discussion On Defense Set Tuesday

Civil defense will be the topic of discussion at the monthly Chamber of Commerce breakfast to be held tomorrow at 7:30 at the YWCA.

Army and National Guard officials from Ft. MacArthur will discuss defense plans in the area, giving information previously considered classified. Various activities will be shown in an 18-minute sound and color film.

King Williams will be chairman of the meeting. Advance reservations, costing \$1.25, may be made by calling the Chamber of Commerce, The City Council, Planning Commission, and National Guardsmen have been specially invited.



FROM A LITTLE MATCH . . . Mr. and Mrs. William Seder and sons, Jimmy and Billy, of 1754 Edgar Ave., survey the damage to their kitchen after a Friday morning blaze, which severely damaged the kitchen dinette and caused considerable smoke damage throughout the house. The blaze started, Mrs. Seder said, when Billy dropped a match into a wastebasket.

Boy, Matches Cause Blaze In Kitchen

A 4-year-old boy playing with matches Friday morning started a fire that severely burned a kitchen and dinette at 17519 Edgar Ave.

The fire happened at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Seder.

Mrs. Seder said that the child dropped burning matches into a waste paper basket in a broom closet in the kitchen. Flames ignited cleaning solvents on shelves of the closet, further spreading the blaze.

The alarm was answered by Stations 1 and 3 of the Torrance Fire Department.

A dinette set and refrigerator were ruined in the kitchen, and in the rest of the house ceilings and walls were damaged by smoke and heat, the Fire Inspection Bureau found.

Airport Plan To Be Viewed A Master Plan for Torrance Municipal Airport has been tentatively approved by the Airport Commission.



FUNNYMAN . . . Vance Colvig, cowboy clown, will be among the performers at the Torrance Community Fair. Vance says he is the most authentic cowboy of all, because, while the others ride horses, he rides a cow. "There's a lot more to the Old West than lead singin', fistfives, and horse thieves swingin' from a hemp rope," said Vance. "There's a lot of humor there, too."